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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
GROUP 1711  
PATENT APPLICATION

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q62004

Toshikatsu FURUNAGA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/725,040

Group Art Unit: 1711

Confirmation No.: 8611

Examiner: U. Rajguru

Filed: November 29, 2000

For: SIZING AGENT AND RECORDING PAPER COMPRISING SIZING AGENT

**RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION**

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Please consider the following Applicants' response to the outstanding rejection of

February 25, 2004 three times extended to August 25, 2004.

The pending claims: claims 20, 22-27, 29 and 31-34 are pending.

All pending claims are rejected.

The prior art: U.S. 4,908,240 Auhorn et al (Auhorn); U.S. 6,171,381 Yoshimura et al  
(Yoshimura); JP 11279203 (JP '203).

The art rejections:

Claims 20, 24-27, 29 and 31-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being  
unpatentable over Auhorn.